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### **GOVERNOR HASLAM, COMMISSIONER HAGERTY ANNOUNCE WILLIAMS SAUSAGE COMPANY TO EXPAND UNION CITY HEADQUARTERS**

*Established Food Manufacturer to Create 148 Jobs, Invest \$3 Million*

**NASHVILLE** ---- Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Hagerty, along with Williams Sausage Company officials announced today the company will add 148 new jobs to its manufacturing facility on Old Troy-Hickman Road in Union City. Williams Sausage, an established food manufacturer, will create 148 jobs and invest \$3 million at its Obion County headquarters.

"I want to thank Williams Sausage for its continued investment in Tennessee and the new jobs created in Obion County," Haslam said. "Companies like Williams Sausage highlight the importance of existing industries in creating jobs and help us toward our goal of becoming the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs."

"Tennessee's unique business advantages allow companies with deep ties to not only grow but thrive," said Hagerty. "With their investment, Williams Sausage Company is building on more than fifty years of success in Tennessee as it remains an important and growing employer of our high quality workforce."

"Williams Sausage is excited to announce the expansion of our plant in Union City, Tenn. and the addition of 150 new jobs over the next two years. In these tough economic times, we consider ourselves very fortunate and are thankful for the Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development's assistance in this major expansion of our business," Williams Sausage President Roger Williams said. "We don't take it for granted that we are based in a state with a very business friendly environment. Without this ongoing support, we would find it very difficult to make these investments in our business."

"Williams Sausage Company is a great asset to Obion County and we are very excited about the announcement of their expansion," Mayor of Obion County, Bennie McGuire said. "We look forward to working with Williams Sausage in the future."

"As Mayor of Woodland Mills and the Board of Alderman, we are excited about the expansion at Williams Sausage Company's facility, as the additional jobs will enhance our local economy," Wade Carrington said.

Williams Sausage Company is headquartered in Union City, Tenn. and began under the entrepreneurial spirit of Harold L. Williams in 1958. Since then, Williams Sausage Company has grown from one employee to 414 by expanding its distribution and adding new products. For more information on Williams Sausage Company, please visit [www.williams-sausage.com](http://www.williams-sausage.com).

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